

Pebble Beach Crooners 2022

PCL



2022 Instructions

Peb's life in the West is really going to be hard this year. The ballpark was turned into a "more like Arizona" yard that favors lefty hitters. Two good starters and a strong pen are the best foot forward. Again, they will need solid starts and effective relief to give them a shot at a winning record.

Hitting

Starting Line-ups

<u>Std v Ly</u>	<u>v Ry bat L</u>	<u>Std v Ry</u>
9 Blackmon*	7 Profar+	8 Cain
4 Albies+	4 Difo+	4 Difo+
7 Bryant	6 Crawford*	7 Bryant
3 Alonso	3 Alonso	6 Crawford*
2 Contreras	9 Blackmon*	3 Alonso
6 Crawford*	8 Cain	9 Blackmon*
8 Cain 1	2 Barnhart*	5 Anderson
5 Seager	5 Seager*	2 Contreras
All Lys	Desclafani, Houser, Burnes, Ohtani, Castillo, Weaver, Ross, Taillon, Alcantara, Marquez, Senzatela, Scherzer, Webb, Thompson	All other Rys

1 v Trevor Rogers, Alex Wood and Eric Lauer: put Josh Reddick in for Cain in CF

Usage Issues: Cain comes out of blowouts

Guidelines on Positions

- **Catcher: Willson Contreras** (413 AB) plays against lefties, and also versus certain righties where you want to bat right, with **Tucker Barnhart** (348 AB) to play against certain righties where you must bat left. OK to bring in Contreras when you go to a lefty reliever, but Barnhart does not come in for starter Contreras. No defensive switches late.
- **1B: Pete Alonso** (561 AB) plays all day every day and does not come out. Profar, Bryant or Barnhart (use compare and/or who is already playing) if injured.
- **2B: Wilmer Difo** (219 AB) plays against righties, and **Ozzie Albies** (629 AB) plays against lefties and late defense. OK for Albies to replace Difo when your lefty reliever comes in, but he does not come out once playing. Profar (eke!) in case of injury.
- **SS:** Returning to the Crooners is **Brandon Crawford** (483 AB) who plays all day every day and does not come out. Difo if injured.
- **3B: Brian Anderson** (233 AB) and **Kyle Seager** (603 AB) share duties here depending on whether you want to bat R or L. OK to sub Seager for Anderson when your lefty reliever comes in, but if Seager is playing, he does not come out. Bryant is the 3rd option late if you bring in a tough lefty to get Seager and Anderson is already gone. No usage issues here and no late defensive switching.
- **LF: Kris Bryant** (513 AB) plays against lefties, and also versus certain righties where you want to bat right. **Jurickson Profar** (353 AB) or **JJ Reddick** (151 AB) if Profar already playing, start versus righties where you must bat lefty. OK for Bryant to replace here when your lefty comes in, but he does not come out unless it is late (8th or 9th) for a pinch hitter and you have a righty killer reliever

who must stay in. Think of Profar and Reddick as 4th OF Band-Aids.

- **CF: Lorenzo Cain** (257 AB) plays CF all day every day, and does not come out. He will get injured a fair amount, so that will leave Profar (v righties) and Reddick (v lefties) if so. **I will monitor usage at home.**
- **RF: Charlie Blackmon** (514 AB) plays all day every day and does not come out. Same answer as Cain above if injured.

Platoon summary: Alonso, Crawford, Cain and Blackmon do not come out. C, 2B, 3B and LF are the platoons, but be slow to replace any when your lefty comes out if you have other lefty relievers, if it is early and/or if I am ahead. You can be more aggressive to make replacements when your righty comes out for a lefty

WHEN YOUR LEFTY STARTER EXITS THE GAME BEFORE THE 6TH

If I am way ahead and you do have a later lefty reliever available, then all stay in with no changes. If it is close OR if you have no lefty relievers, then go ahead and make the platoon switch at 2B (Difo) only.

WHEN YOUR RIGHTY STARTER EXITS THE GAME BEFORE THE 6TH

If I am way ahead, then no changes before the 7th. If it is close or in the 7th or later, go ahead and make changes at C, 2B and 3B (and LF (unless Bryant is already playing)). See position by position discussion above.

Double-Switching: See above guidelines. I like this with those players above who platoon.

Late Defense: Bring in Albies in the 7th or later if I am ahead. Reddick can replace Blackmon in the 9th if I am ahead. No other changes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pitcher hitting / Pinch hitting / Pinch running

- **Pitchers Hitting:** Pitchers sacrifice runners to 2B even with two strikes. Pitchers sacrifice runners to 3B as well, but with 2 strikes swing away if the sac odds drop below 72%.
- **Pinch Hit Guidelines:** Generally, use “compare”. Best clutch hitters are Barnhart (+6) and Reddick (+4). No pitchers are non-1 hitters except Nola who is a 2 if you’re totally desperate (.158 BA)
- **Pinch Run:** Only for Barnhart, and only late when that run matters. You can go to Aaron Nola (13) if he isn’t already in, otherwise there is no option.

Game Strategies

- **Typical stealing decisions:** Steal 2nd at 70%; 65% if we went through the order once and have had trouble getting going; Steal to 3rd at 75% (but don’t make 1st or 3rd out trying for 3B). Only Profar, Happ and Segura.
- **Who to H&R and when:** Nope.
- **Sacrifice:** Sacrifice is only with pitchers, and keep at it even if two strikes.
- **Squeeze Plays:** I will definitely try a squeeze with PH Merrill Kelly as a PH if it is late and the leading run is on 3B (and there is not a good hitter up). Not otherwise.
- **Scoring:** Same as your team. Run home at 65%, 60% if tying or leading run, 50% with two outs, 40% if weak hitter or pitcher coming up. If I am down 4 or more, hold the runner.
- **Advancing to 3B:** always try to tag up to go to 3B on a flyout unless the “out” percentage is more than 10%. Advance to 3B on singles at 65% unless it would be the 1st or 3rd out.
- **Trailers:** To second 50% and above, but to third at 65%. Send the trailer only when we are down by a run or tied, from the 7th inning on.
- **Throwing Guidelines:** Cut the throw off from the outfield early in the game unless runner is heading home with a safe chance at less than 55%. Let the throw through even if the runner is as high as 65% with two outs and the 8th or 9th hitter is due up.
- **Defense:** Always get the sure out on Defense Option plays, unless runner represents the go-ahead run and his safe chance is less than 40%. Same with the trailing runners.
- **Intentional Walks:** Use your best judgment. There are some comments under certain pitchers below. I will do it with 2 outs to get to a pitcher, and I also see lots of “boppers” (8+8 or more HRs); so in key situations I would walk that bopper, but only 7th or later. Doesn’t help to walk someone if you have two in a row.

Pitching

Starting Rotation

ROAD GAMES YOU PLAY					Home Games - I Play			
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3		Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	
BAG	Woodruff	Nola	Gonzales		Gonzales	Woodruff	Nola	
PBC	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX		XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	
SBM	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Woodruff	Kelly	
SCT	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Woodruff	Kelly	
SDB	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Woodruff	Kelly	
UTP	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Gilbert	Kelly	
PHB	Woodruff	Nola	Kelly		Gonzales	Nola	Kelly	
CDS	Gilbert	Gonzales	Kelly		Gonzales	Gilbert	Kelly	
CHI	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Gilbert	Nola	
AGN	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Nola	Kelly	
STL	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Gilbert	Kelly	
VBS	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert		Gonzales	Gilbert	Kelly	
Divisional Games - ROAD GAMES					Divisional Games - Home Games			
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
BAG	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert	Gonzales	Gonzales	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert
SBM	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert	Gonzales	Gonzales	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert
SCT	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert	Gonzales	Gonzales	Woodruff	Nola	Gilbert

Woodruff (20), Nola (20), Gilbert (20), Gonzales (19), Kelly (11)

Starters Summary

Pretty solid #1 and #2 and the others are all better against the Ry batter. Lots of innings in the 7-pitcher pen which is above average, so I don't hesitate to go there in close games. Nola and Woodruff are the workhorses, but I like to make frequent changes to try to take advantage of splits from the 5th- 7th inning with the others, particularly in the small parks where diamond HRs are 9 or more.

Starting Pitcher Notes

Aaron Nola 181 IP	#2 starter. He and Woodruff have the best cards. He goes 20 times, and is generally "long and hard". Goes until dots (out also if max innings reached causing dots), but PH for him in the 7 th or 8 th if we are tied or down. Batter-by-batter in 8 th or later if we are tied or up only 1.
Brandon Woodruff 179 IP	#1 starter. Also goes 20 times. Same instruction as Nola, but he will rarely pitch the 9 th as he would be in dots. Goes until dots, PH for him in the 7 th if we are tied or down.
Marco Gonzales 143 IP	#4 starter and the lefty. 19 starts and goes until dots, but since he is a LEFTY, I would like to avoid strong lefty mashers who bat Ry in the 5 th or later, so go batter-by-batter pretty early depending on the situation. I don't want to leave him in there until we are way out of the game. I will be head-to-head with Mike (BAG), so the only other teams with home games are SCT and SBM, and Marco pitches last in those series, so play "quick hook" and waste the pen after he leaves.
Logan Gilbert 119 IP	20 starts and strict 6 inning max. Out also when in dots. Logan's challenge is yielding the bop against righty batters. If your park's diamond HR's against Rys is 9 or more (AGN, CHI, BAG, SCT and UTP), then he is a quick hook beginning in the 5 th or later. Otherwise, he can go the full 6 innings if he is not in dots.
Merrill Kelly 158 IP	#5 starter and goes 11 times. His only road start, Eric, is Pt. Hueneme. He can go until dots, but should be a quicker hook in the 6 th or 7 th if a string of righty batters is coming up.
Specific innings limitations	Only Gilbert as noted above. Generally, I don't leave a starter in even if he is pitching a no-no. Tough noogies.

Bullpen

Peb's pen has 7 pitchers totaling 461 and I feel this is a strength of the team, so don't hesitate to use and abuse. I have decent

balance here, but with the “3 batter minimum” rule in play, when I do switch pitchers, I am looking for help against the immediate hitter, and/or 2 of the next three hitters and/or 3 of 5. Lots of reasonably balanced relievers so splits are not as critical.

Closer	Ryan Tepera (61 IP) in the 8 th or 9 th with a lead. Fairly balanced.
Setup	Blake Treinen 1 (72 IP), except that in the bandboxes we become more of a bullpen by committee to avoid his HR problem v righty batters. Use and abuse in the smaller parks. He is the alternate closer and can come in anywhere in the 7 th -9 th .
The Lefty	Tyler Matzek (63 IP) is the only lefty. He will give up some walks, but he does not yield any bops, so he is a good solution mid-game especially in the above referenced bandboxes. Good mid-game reliever for any of the righty starters.
Righty gets the Lefty	Ty Rogers (81 IP) and Miguel Castro 1 (70 IP) both cool the lefty batter so I will be looking for the old “2 of 3” spots at any time in the game. Both can go early, middle or setup.
Righty gets the Righty	Yimi Garcia (58 IP) and Seth Lugo (46 IP) are both 1 inning pitchers and good “first in” options for any of the righty starters early or mid-game. These are “situational” pitchers. Need to try to avoid Yimi versus lefties where possible because of the HRs. Again, the “2 of 3” rule.
Long/Mop	Lugo or Castro if we are getting crushed, they can stay in even with dots to spare the rest of the pen.

1 Both Treinen and Castro have +9 hold ratings so it would be nice to avoid bringing either into a game where there is a strong runner at 1B.

Have fun!